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SUBJECT: SCINTEIA ARTICLE ON CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN
COMMUNIST PARTIES

REF: BUCHAREST 4774

1. AUTHORITATIVE ARTICLE IN OCTOBER 22 SCINTEIA BY STEFAN ANDREI,
CC SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CHIEF ROMANIAN DELEGATE TO
OCTOBER 16-18 WARSAW MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES IS FORCE-
FUL RECAPITULATION OF ROMANIAN POSITION PUT FORTH AT WARSAW.
ARTICLE EMPHASIZES THAT ANY EVENTUAL CONFERENCE MUST SERVE
CAUSE OF UNITY OF COMMUNIST MOVEMENT; PROCEED ON BASIS OF
CONSENSUS; BE GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY ("WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE
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FROM THE MASSES") AND ADDRESS ITSELF TO OTHER "DEMOCRATIC

PROGRESSIVE FORCES", WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND GREECE, AS WELL AS TO FRATERNAL PARTIES. RCP COULD NOT ACCEPT ADOPTION OF, NOR SUBSCRIBE IN ANY FORM TO, A "DIRECTIVE" DOCUMENT OR ONE "CONTAINING DECISIONS OF AN OBLIGATORY CHARACTER". AS TO TIMING OF FULL CONFERENCE, RCP FEELS IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONCLUSION OF CSCE.

2. ANDREI ARTICLE ALSO STATES ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES MUST BE INVITED, ALTHOUGH EACH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF "FREELY AND AT PROPER TIME" WHETHER OR NOT TO ATTEND, NON-ATTENDANCE NOT BEING CONSIDERED AS INCRIMINATING NOR AS CAUSE TO PREJUDICE THE BASIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES.

3. COMMENT: APPARENT ABSENCE OF FIREWORKS OVER CHINA AND OTHER DIVISIVE TOPICS INDICATES THAT, FROM ROMANIAN STANDPOINT, THIS FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING CAME OFF RATHER WELL. ANDREI, IN FACT, EXPRESSES HIS APPRECIATION THAT PRINCIPLE OF "CONSENSUS" WAS APPLIED THROUGHOUT. HOWEVER, ARTICLE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT ROMANIANS ARE TAKING NOTHING FOR GRANTED AS REGARDS FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND MEETINGS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THEIR WELL-KNOWN VIEWS JUST AS ENERGETICALLY AS IN PAST.
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